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DEPARTMENT PASS INTERESTED LA POSTS AND USUN AS APPROPRIATE

1. SUMMARY. EMBOFF HAS SPOKEN TO ECLA CHEF DE CABINET JORGE VITERI REGARDING SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS AND ATMOSPHERICS OF CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE MEETING (CDCC) HELD IN HAVANA OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 4. DOCUMENTATION ON MEETING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 12. END SUMMARY.

2. VITERI, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED TO SANTIAGO, DESCRIBED MEETING AS BUSINESS-LIKE (AT LEAST IN COMPARISON WITH MOST ECLA MEETINGS), RELATIVELY FREE OF POLEMICS AND CUBAN BELLICOSITY, AND FAIRLY LEVEL HEADED IN PARTICIPANTS APPROACH TO WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH REGIONAL COOPERATION. VITERI WAS AT PAINS TO ASSURE EMBOFF THAT ECLA SECRETARIAT HAD CLEARLY DELINEATED LIMITATIONS ON ITS POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE TO CDCC WORK PROGRAM BOTH AS RESPECTS

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HUMAN RESOURCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT, ALSO CDCC SUBSIDIARY

RELATIONSHIP TO ECLA PORT-OF-SPAIN (POS) OFFICE.

3. CDCC IS TO COMPRISE NINE STATES, CUBA, GUYANA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAITI, BARBADOS, JAMAICA, BAHAMAS AND GRENADA. WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES, BELICE, AND NETHER-LAN ANTILLES WILL HAVE OBSERVER STATUS IN COMMITTEE. SURINAM WILL BE ENTITLED TO FULL MEMBERSHIP UPON INDEPENDENCE AND ADMISSION TO UN AND ECLA. ALL THE FOREGOING STATES EXCEPT SURINAM WERE RE-PRESENTED AT THE HAVANA MEETING.

4. CONSTITUENT DECLARATION OF COMMITTEE (PROPOSED BY CUBA AND GUYANA) ENUMERATES TWENTY-TWO AREAS IN WHICH MEMBER COUNTRIES "DECLARE THEIR POLITICAL WILL AND THEIR RESOLUTION" TO COOPERATE, HARMONIZE POLICIES, AND UNDERTAKE JOINT ACTION. THESE RANGE FROM AGRICULTURE, FISHING, TOURISM, AND ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION, TO ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND RELATIONS WITH SELA.

5. PERHAPS POTENTIALLY MOST TROUBLESOME FOR US IS RESOLUTION TO EXERCISE SOLIDARITY (A) A FACE OF EXTERNAL PRESSURE OR COERCION AGAINST SUB-REGION COUNTRIES EXERCISING "THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS TO PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY"; (B) AGAINST PREDATORY TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS; AND (C) IN FAVOR OF LDCC PURSUING EQUITABLE COMMODITY PRICES.

6. ALSO POTENTIALLY CONTENTIOUS IS RESOLUTION TO EXAMINE, WITH COUNTRIES SERVICED BY ECLAS MEXICO CITY AND BOGOTA OFFICE (EXCEPT ECUADOR), "THE QUESTION OF A COMMON CARIBBEAN POSITION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA AIMED SPECIFICALLY AT SECURING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR A SPECIAL REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN MULTI-STATE ARCHIPELAGO WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA." ACCORDING TO VITERI, ECLA SECRETARIAT HAD POINTED OUT THAT LOS MATTERS FELL OUTSIDE ECLA'S JURISDICTIONAL COMPETENCE, NEVERTHELESS SOME MEMBERS HAD INSISTED LOS CONFERENCE PREGNANT WITH ECONOMIC CONTENT. HENCE COORDINATION OF COUNTRY POLICIES THROUGH GDCC APPROPRIATE.

7. RESOLUTIONS ALSO WERE ADOPTED TO CONVOKE MEETING OF CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY RECTORS TO CONSIDER TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS TROPICAL AGRICULTURE. TRINIDAD OFFERED TO HOST BOTH LOS AND UNIVERSITY RECTORS' MEETINGS AND BEAR ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS. LASTLY, RESOLUTION WAS RATIFIED REQUESTING ECLA EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT IDENTIFY CONCRETE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH COMMITTEE COUNTRIES AND OTHER ECLA MEMBER COUNTRIES SERVICED BY MEXICO CITY AND BOGOTA OFFICES CAN COOPERATE; ALSO INVITE SUPPORT OF UNDP AND PERTINENT SPECIALIZED UN AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE.

9. WORK PROGRAM ADOPTED BY CDCC IS HORTATORY DOCUMENT FOR IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS OF CONSTITUENT DECLARATION. OF INTEREST IS PROPOSAL FOR PREPARING "FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON THE SETTING UP OF MULTI-COUNTRY CARIBBEAN ENTERPRISES TO EXPLOIT SPECIFIC NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS BAUXITE, NICKEL AND PETROLEUM-BASED FERTILIZERS." GREAT STRESS IS PLACED ON COORDINATION OF COMMITTEE WORK WITH SELA. IDEOLOGICAL BIAS OF PAPER REFLECTING BY SUCH STATEMENTS AS "IMPACT ON THE BOP OF THESE COUNTRIES EXERTED BY INFLATION WHICH HAS ITS ORIGIN IN CERTAIN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES."

10. SECRETARIAT PAPER ON FINANCIAL REPERCUSSIONS NOTES ECLA HAS BUDGETED FOR COMMITTEE ANNUAL SESSIONS, EXHORTS MEMBER COUNTRIES TO WORK FOR LARGER UN APPROPRIATIONS TO ECLA POS OFFICE, AND SUGGESTS UNDP AND OTHER AGENCY SUPPORT WILL BE NEEDED TO CARRY OUT WORK PROGRAM.

11. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S OFFER TO HOST NEXT ANNUAL SESSION OF COMMITTEE WAS ACCEPTED.
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